

*Welcome to Worship at  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Lectionary 27]—October 4, 2020

11:00 A.M.

**INTRODUCTION**

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

— GATHERING —

**WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.*

**SABBATH REFLECTION** "None But Jesus"

—Brooke Fraser

**MORNING DIALOGUE**

O Lord, open my lips

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

**That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

**Who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

**Alleluia!**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

# GATHERING SONG "Be Thou My Vision"

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Beloved God,

**from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

—WORD—

## CHILDREN'S HOMILY

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15** (*read responsively*)

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

**<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

**<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another

country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY "Good Tenants"**

Pastor Dave Helfrich



SONG OF THE DAY "Day by Day" (from *Godspell*)

-Stephen Schwartz

Easy Waltz feel

Day by day — day by day, — oh, dear Lord, — three  
7 things I pray — to see Thee more clear-ly, love Thee more dear-ly,  
13 1. BACK TO BEGINNING 2. Light Rock Feeling  
fol-low Thee more near-ly, — day by day. — day by day. —  
19 Day by day, — day by day, — oh, dear Lord, three  
25 things I pray — to see Thee more clear - ly, love Thee more  
30 1.  
dear - ly, fol-low Thee more near - ly — day by day. —  
35 2.  
day by day. — Day by day by day by day by day. —

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who care deeply for your creation.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today, especially those who are affected by COVID-19, and those we name aloud, or in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

—THANKSGIVING—

Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online [www.lcrmarietta.org/give](http://www.lcrmarietta.org/give), Canned food can also be collected.

LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "You are the Rock of My Salvation" -Teresa Muller

Capo 1



Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B GM7 A

You are the rock of my sal-va - tion, you are the strength of my

4 Bm A/B Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B

life. You are my hope and my in - spir-a - tion;

7 GM7 A Bm GM7 A

Lord, un - to you will I cry. I be - lieve in you, be -

10 F#m7 Bm7 GM7 A Bm7 A/B Bm7

lieve in you, for your faith - ful love to me. You have

13 GM7 A F#m7 Bm7 Em Em/G

been my help in time of need; Lord, un-to you will I cleave.

16 F#sus F# Em9 F#m7 Bm A/B

You are the rock of my sal-va - tion,

19 GM7 A Bm

you are the strength of my life.

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.

**We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word, we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.**

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ;

**Renew in us the living fountain of your grace;**

And raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life;

**For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,**

And with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**— SENDING —**

## **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# SENDING SONG "Lord, Reign in Me"

-Brenton Brown

Verse

1. O-ver all the earth You reign on high, ev-'ry mount-tain stream,  
ev-'ry sun-set sky. But my one re-quest, Lord, my on-ly aim is that You'd  
reign in me a-gain. Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r. O-ver all my dreams,  
in my dark-est hour; You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You  
reign in me a-gain? 2. O-ver ev-'ry thought o-ver ev-'ry word,  
may my life re-flect the beau-ty of the Lord; 'Cause You mean more to me  
than an-yearly thing. So won't You reign in me a-gain? reign in me a-gain.  
Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r. O-ver all my dreams, in my darkest hour;  
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me a-gain? So won't You  
reign in me a-gain? won't You reign in me a-gain?

Chorus

2nd time to Coda

back to Chorus

Coda

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**



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